

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A pipe coupling comprising:
an elongated housing ~~comprising~~ having a first end and a second end, the housing defining an elongated bore therein;
a stop located on an inner diameter of the housing, the stop located between the first end and the second ends of the housing, wherein a distance from the stop to one of the first and second ends is at least two times a distance from the stop to the other of the first and second end of the housing;
a first cylindrical bore extending from the first end to the stop; and
a second cylindrical bore extending from the second end to the stop, wherein an angle between the first cylindrical bore and the second cylindrical bore is about 15 degrees to about 165 degrees, and wherein each of the cylindrical bores are configured to allow a pipe end to advance into the pipe coupling until reaching the stop.
2. (Original) The pipe coupling of Claim 1, wherein the angle between the first cylindrical bore and the second cylindrical bore is about 45 degrees.
3. (Original) The pipe coupling of Claim 1, wherein the angle between the first cylindrical bore and the second cylindrical bore is about 60.
4. (Original) The pipe coupling of Claim 1, wherein the angle between the first cylindrical bore and the second cylindrical bore is about 90.
5. (Original) The pipe coupling of Claim 1, wherein the angle between the first cylindrical bore and the second cylindrical bore is about 120 degrees.

6. (Original) The pipe coupling of Claim 1, wherein the angle between the first cylindrical bore and the second cylindrical bore is about 135 degrees.

7. - 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A pipe coupling consisting of:
an elongated housing ~~comprising~~ having a first end and a second end, the housing defining an elongated bore therein;
a stop located on an inner diameter of the housing, the stop located between the first end and the second ends of the housing, wherein a distance from the stop to one of the first and second ends is at least two times a distance from the stop to the other of the first and second end of the housing;
a first cylindrical bore extending from the first end to the stop; and
a second cylindrical bore extending from the second end to the stop, wherein the angle between the first cylindrical bore and the second cylindrical bore is about 15 degrees to about 165 degrees, and wherein each of the cylindrical bores are configured to allow a pipe end to advance into the pipe coupling until reaching the stop.

12. – 22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A pipe coupling comprising:
an elongated housing ~~comprising~~ having a first end and a second end, the housing defining an elongated bore therein;
a single stop located on an inner diameter of the housing, the stop located between the first end and the second ends of the housing, wherein a distance from the stop to one of the first and second ends is at least two times a distance from the stop to the other of the first and second end of the housing;
a first cylindrical bore extending from the first end to the stop; and
a second cylindrical bore extending from the second end to the stop, wherein an angle between the first cylindrical bore and the second cylindrical bore is about 15 degrees to about 165 degrees.

24. (Previously Presented) The pipe coupling of Claim 23, wherein the angle between the first cylindrical bore and the second cylindrical bore is about 45 degrees.

25. (Previously Presented) The pipe coupling of Claim 23, wherein the angle between the first cylindrical bore and the second cylindrical bore is about 60.

26. (Previously Presented) The pipe coupling of Claim 23, wherein the angle between the first cylindrical bore and the second cylindrical bore is about 90.

27. (Previously Presented) The pipe coupling of Claim 23, wherein the angle between the first cylindrical bore and the second cylindrical bore is about 120 degrees.

28. (Previously Presented) The pipe coupling of Claim 23, wherein the angle between the first cylindrical bore and the second cylindrical bore is about 135 degrees.

29. (Previously Presented) The pipe coupling of Claim 1, wherein the stop is a single stop located on the inner diameter of the housing.

30. (Previously Presented) The pipe coupling of Claim 11, wherein the stop is a single stop located on the inner diameter of the housing.

31. (New) The pipe coupling of Claim 1, wherein the angle between the first cylindrical bore and the second cylindrical bore is about 45 degrees to about 135 degrees.

32. (New) The pipe coupling of Claim 1, wherein the angle between the first cylindrical bore and the second cylindrical bore is about 60 degrees to about 90 degrees.

33. (New) The pipe coupling of Claim 1, wherein the stop is a circular ring.
34. (New) The pipe coupling of Claim 1, wherein the stop is at least two rectangular inserts.
35. (New) The pipe coupling of Claim 1, wherein the stop is two half circles.
36. (New) The pipe coupling of Claim 23, wherein each of the cylindrical bores are configured to allow a pipe end to advance into the pipe coupling until reaching the stop.